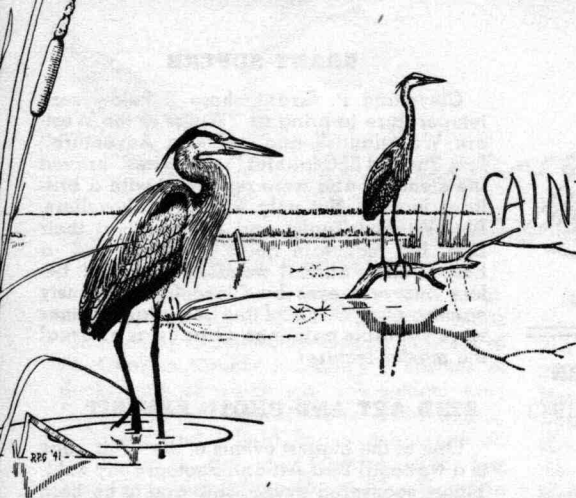




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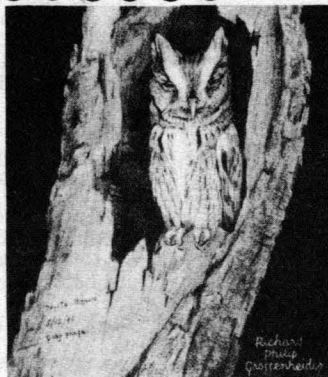
BAILEY'S KINKAJOU CRUISE!

Alfred M. Bailey is coming to town! Cheeriest words we've heard in many a moon! They mean that the director of the Colorado Museum of Natural History, Alfred M. Bailey, Arctic, Hawaiian and Abyssinian explorer, will address the St. Louis Bird Club. On March 2nd, at the Adult Study Center, time, 8 p.m., his subject, "Sea Birds, Sea Lions, and Sea Elephants," or "The Cruise of the Kinkajou." In one evening you will take a romantic cruise on the yacht, Kinkajou, down the lower California coast, to the desert Pacific Island of San Benito, to Isabella, San Benedicto and Navidad Islands, in search of Sea Lions, Sea Elephants, the Man-o-War Bird, the queer Shearwater that nests three feet underground, San Lucas Quail, Heerman's Gull, and, of all things, a Booby! Yes, you're going to see a Booby. We're not sure whether it's to be a Blue-faced or Blue-footed Booby, but we guarantee a Booby! You'll know the pleasure of seeing Elephant Seals, watching them doze on a San Benito beach, survive the charge of a 160-pound Marlin in the Kinkajou's skiff. But don't let a Marlin scare you. Come anyway. Remember, it's Monday night, March 2nd, for the Cruise of the Kinkajou!

BIRD STAMPS FOR COLLECTORS

One of the most brilliant projects the St. Louis Bird Club has ever launched is its presentation of a series of six beautifully lithographed stamps, complete with album. The stamps

feature bird subjects executed in three types of art technique by our own master of bird art, Richard P. Grossenheider. This series is certain to stir excitement among collectors all over the country. Printed in black against exquisite tint blocks, on gummed, perforated paper, these poster stamps are now available, six to the sheet, and including album, for just 25c. Proceeds from their sale will be devoted to the Educational Fund of the St. Louis Bird Club. A limited quantity of first edition sets, numbered and autographed, will be sent for

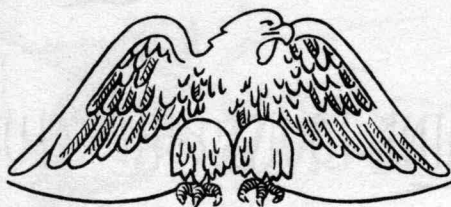


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If you want to read more about the Bailey lecture see September's *National Geographic Magazine* for the complete story of "The Cruise of the Kinkajou."

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THE PLEASURE OF BIRDING

As in everything else in life, the pleasure of bird study is where you find it, and it is remarkably easy to find for him who knows how to derive the most from his leisure hours, whether studying rarest species or the most common birds. It is not necessary to locate rare birds to make birding fascinating, but, finding a rare species, as the Avocet at Lake Park, or the Willet at Creve Coeur Lake adds a thrill to bird study, and it is the hope of finding such rare birds that puts a keen edge on enthusiasm during all field trips. The real nature lover receives benefit from his visit with nature, whether he finds birds plentiful, or none at all. If you want to get the most out of life, join a bird or nature club and take advantage of your spare time!

James Earl Comfort

GRANT SUPERB

Cleveland P. Grant chose 2 below zero temperature to bring us "Wings of the Western Wastelands" and "Alberta Adventure" Jan. 7th. But 550 faithful "nature-ites" braved the elements and were rewarded with a brilliant lecture. Not only were the Shovellers, Blue-Winged Teals, and Redheads at their best, but mountain goats, caribou, and a host of other animal wonders were shot before our very eyes by Cleve Grant's trusty camera-gun. Some of the mountain scenes were veritable paintings; Grant was as usual the master lecturer.

BIRD ART AND PHOTO EXHIBIT

One of the biggest events of the Club year is a National Bird Art and Photography Exhibition, sponsored by the Club and to be held from March 1st to 27th in the Art Department of the St. Louis Public Library. Over a hundred photographs and fifty pictures by the leading bird photographers and artists in the country will be presented: Art by W. J. Breckenridge, Louis Agassiz Fuertes, George Miksch Sutton, our own Richard Grossenheider, and others, including originals from Mrs. F. L. Jaques' book, "The Geese Fly High"; photography by Allan Cruickshank, Roger Tory Peterson, Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr., our own John Gerard and Bill Holzmank, Jr., and many others, including a set of hawk photos by John Craighead who is featured in the February issue of *National Geographic Magazine*. Bill Holzmank, Jr. is the chairman of the exhibition assisted by John Gerard, Wayne Short, and Richard Grossenheider.

The club and its guests have been invited to a special open-house display Wednesday evening, March 4th, from 7:30 to 9:30. That night only the Library will add to the exhibition its priceless Audubon sets and many fine bird books, old and new. Join us March 4th for a delightful evening of browsing among bird books, bird photography, and bird art.

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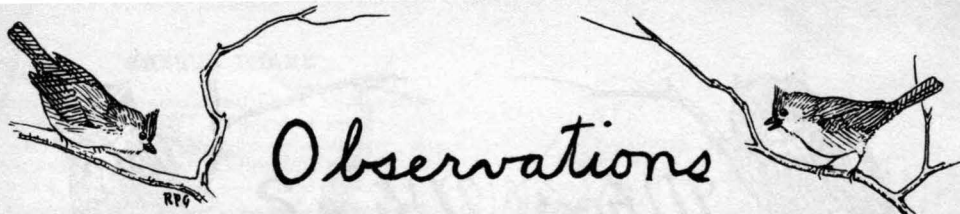
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WINTER RECORDS

Prize observations of January were garnered by the Adult Study Center Popular Ornithology Class: 40 species on Jan. 4th in St. Charles County including 8 species of ducks, one of which was the seldom seen Greater Scaup, several Brewer's Blackbirds, 1 Golden and 1 Bald Eagle, 3 Short-eared Owls, and the first or at least one of the few January records of the Great Blue Heron in the St. Louis area.

An unusual winter record is a Northern Yellow-throat reported by Father Link at Pere Marquette State Park, Dec. 28. Bewick's Wren wintered at the Park. William Dierker had a Brown Thrasher at his feeding station in Pine Lawn all winter. Earl and Jim Comfort, and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton N. Day had 5 Short-eared Owls in St. Charles County Jan. 11. Marvin Beckmann, Louis Weber, and Reed Harkness located two Winter Wrens and a Hermit Thrush Jan. 25 at Jeddburg. Jimmy Jackson saw a Lapland Longspur at Lake Park, Jan. 22.

Mrs. Geo. Onk, mother of bird club member, Geo., Jr., who is attending the Univ. of Mo. this winter, reports the daily visits of a Red-breasted Nuthatch and Golden-crowned Kinglets to a winter feeding-station near the Onk home, 331 E. Scenic Drive.

With this issue of the *Bulletin* is enclosed one of our lecture schedule cards. It's not too late in the season to send it to a friend. Won't you?

NOTICE

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THE BIRDER OF '41

He did it again! James Earl Comfort is the "birder of the year". In 1940 he finished at 214; in '41 he was out in front with a total of 220 species for the year. Next in line was Mrs. Arnold Zempel at 212 beating out with womanly superiority Dr. Zempel who ran the Mrs. a good race at 211. The only others in the exclusive "200's" were more of those bird-watching Comforts, Jim Comfort at 210, Harry Comfort at 206, and Helen Comfort at 201. Regretfully out of the running were the all-time record holder, Miss L. R. Ernst, and Wayne Short, who trailed Miss Ernst in that record-breaking year of 1939, 231 to 228.

THE YEAR'S TOTAL

Laurels to us all: Total species recorded by all Club observers in 1941 was 243. About 315 species are possible in the St. Louis area if all accidentals and casuals were to be seen during a one-year period.

Wayne Short recently witnessed the nuptial flight of a Prairie Horned Lark. Zooming straight up, the Lark climbed madly, spiralled and spiralled until almost lost from sight, constantly singing, then suddenly power-dived wildly earthward checking its speed just at the ground.

MORE BOUQUETS

Edward K. Love, honorary member: "I was very pleased with your exceptionally nice bulletin . . . I congratulate you most heartily. More power to you".

Margaret Brooks, Acting Editor, *Audubon Magazine*: "Please accept my belated congratulations for a job well done. Your lecture program is enough to pull in a great many new members; even the Linnaean Society here in New York is unable to muster such an array of fine speakers."

Jennie Chase, former Club Secretary: "Such a compact little crystallization of Bird Club news."

T. E. Musselman, Illinois lecturer-naturalist: "Please accept my congratulations on the very newsy little bulletin."

M. D. Pirnie, Director, Kellogg Bird Sanctuary: "I wish to congratulate you. I am loaning this copy to the Editor of the Jack-Pine Warbler to give them some suggestions."



Who's Who?



MISS ERNST INSPIRES

A lecture that will stick in our memories, that was Miss Ernst's grand talk given at the Jefferson Memorial Feb. 10th. Highlighted with just the right sprinkling of birding experiences, touching on the times, what birds have meant and will continue to mean in days like these, spiced with poetry, and above all inspiring, hers was one of the most pleasant lectures the Club has ever had the pleasure to present.

NEW COURSE BY WAYNE SHORT

The Adult Study Center has announced a new course of Conducted Field Trips to be given by Wayne Short. These are weekly Saturday and Sunday trips into the nearby birding areas beginning immediately and continuing until the first week in May. Ten trips for \$7.50. Beginners are welcomed. For a rich opportunity to study birds "galore" call the Adult Study Center, RO. 3700 or Wayne Short, CE. 0631.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

At the Club's annual election, Feb. 10th, Wayne Short was reelected for a fourth term as President of the Club. Mrs. H. R. Grummann is to serve again as Club Secretary, Luther Ely Smith in the capacity of Vice-president. New officers are Alberta Bolinger, Treasurer, and Helen Seevers, Editor, replacing Nelle Lee Jenkinson and Marvin Beckmann who have served long and well.

MRS. GRUMMANN ON KFUD

Mrs. H. R. Grummann's summer radio series of bird talks proved so popular KFUD has asked her back for five more broadcasts to be heard each Tuesday in March at 2 P.M. Tune in.

NEW SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Drury, Mrs. Gertrude G.—Pitzman, Frederick Einspanier, Helen — Pitzman, Dr. Marsh Hallock, Mrs. Mary Evans — Wolfe, Ethel H. Hunter, Mrs. F. A. — Shaugnessy, Mrs. Martin

NEW MEMBERS SINCE JANUARY 1

Pauline Billingsley, Mrs. H. B. Comfort, Mrs. Clinton N. Day, Mrs. J. W. Fischer, Mrs. Mary E. Fitz-Gerald, Mrs. Alice A. Friederich, Aurora Leigh Friederich, Mrs. Albert Hacker, H. H. Hane, Carl Alrick Hertzman, Mrs. Elizabeth Joy Hoffman, Mrs. O. C. K. Hutchinson, Mrs. C. E. Kitterman, Frederick Martin, Mrs. Milt Miller, Gladys M. Mortland, Mary A. Mortland, Ruth W. Rogers, Martin Seane, Violet K. Schoenberg, Olivette Tacke, Dr. I. G. Tremain, Ida Wukasch.

THE WILSON CLUB

Some of our members probably will receive letters soon asking that they join the Wilson Club. The St. Louis Bird Club strongly recommends the Wilson Club to you as a high-ranking ornithological organization. The Wilson Club has tentatively agreed to hold its 1943 convention in St. Louis. Your being a member will mean much.

Last reports in the race for most members of any one family in the Club have it that there is now a three-way tie—5 Boyds, 5 Comforts, and 5 Klinkerfusses. One of the healthiest signs we note in the Club is the increasing family membership. Is your whole family enrolled?

Most of the *Bulletin's* art work is now done by Richard Grossenheider. Credit for the first issue's art goes to the *National Audubon Magazine*.

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